

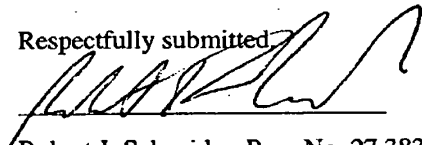
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REMARKS:

The omitted claims 1-17, which have been cancelled, have now been included in the foregoing list of claims. It is submitted that the claims are presented in ascending numerical order, and that all the requirements of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment have been met.

CONCLUSION. It is submitted that the invention is presented in clear and concise patentable terms and the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt, favorable treatment of the application is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305. The Examiner is encouraged to call Robert J. Schneider at the direct number (312) 845-3919 with any questions that arise in connection with this application.

Respectfully submitted,


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